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Subject:

Serial No. 10/615,744 07/09/03

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A NOVEL METHOD TO INCREASE FLUORINE  
STABILITY TO IMPROVE GAP FILL ABILITY  
AND REDUCE K VALUE OF FLUORINE  
SILICATE GLASS (FSG) FILM

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U.S. Patent 6,077,764 to Sugiarto et al., "Process for Depositing High Deposition Rate Halogen-Doped Silicon Oxide Layer," describes an FSG deposition process including an N2 flow during deposition.

U.S. Patent 6,221,793 to Ngo et al., "Process for Forming PECVD Undoped Oxide with a Super Low Deposition Rate on a Single State Deposition," describes an oxide deposition process including an N2 flow during deposition.

U.S. Patent 5,827,785 to Bhan et al., "Method for Improving Film Stability of Fluorosilicate Glass Films," describes an FSG process that includes an N-containing gas (NF3).

U.S. Patent 5,429,995 to Nishiyama et al., "Method of Manufacturing Silicon Oxide Film Containing Fluorine," describes a nitrogen and FSG layer.

U.S. Patent 6,242,338 to Liu et al., "Method of Passivating a Metal Line Prior to Deposition of a Fluorinated Silica Glass Layer," describes an N2 plasma treatment of an FSG layer.

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U.S. Patent 6,136,680 to Lai et al., "Methods to Improve Copper-Fluorinated Silica Glass Interconnects," describes various treatments of FSG including a nitrogen-treatment.

U.S. Patent 6,103,601 to Lee et al., "Method and Apparatus for Improving Film Stability of Halogen-Doped Silicon Oxide Films," describes an FSG process and a post treatment.

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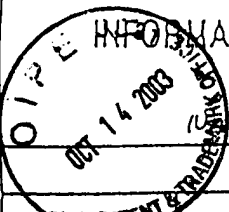
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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6077764	6/20/00	Sugiarto et al.	438	597	4/21/97
	6221793	4/24/01	Ngo et al.	438	788	3/1/00
	5827785	10/27/98	Bhan et al.	438	784	10/24/96
	5429995	7/4/95	Nishiyama et al.	437	238	7/16/93
	6242338	6/5/01	Liu et al.	438	622	10/22/99
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